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BY CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas Krueger, Associate Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard (C-14J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: Rexnord Industries, Inc.
Response to Special Notice Letter for the Ellsworth Industrial Park Site

Dear Tom:

We are responding on behalf of Rexnord Industries, Inc. ("Rexnord") to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") December 28, 2004 Special Notice Letter ("Notice Letter") regarding the Ellsworth Industrial Park Site in Downers Grove, Illinois ("Site"). Rexnord received the Notice Letter on January 6, 2005. This response is made without any acknowledgement that Rexnord is a "responsible party" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., without any admission of liability or responsibility under CERCLA or any other statute, without acknowledgment of the applicability of the authorities referenced in the Notice Letter, and without waiver of any applicable defenses.

We understand that the Notice Letter was directed to numerous companies that are currently located in or have been, at one time, located in the Ellsworth Industrial Park. The Notice Letter requests that Rexnord and the other recipients agree to perform and/or finance a Remedial Investigation ("RI") and Feasibility Study ("FS") at the Site. The Notice Letter also includes an offer to participate in discussions with potentially responsible parties and encourages the parties receiving the Notice Letter to negotiate among themselves regarding the preparation of an RI/FS.

Rexnord is willing to participate in discussions with EPA and the other responsible parties concerning the Site and the future performance of an RI/FS. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd R. Wiener', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd R. Wiener